Good News For Homemakers

Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Spruce Up the Furniture for the Holidays

A clean home for the holidays usually includes a thorough going over of furnishings and surroundings. Now is a good time to do this before you begin decorating for the holiday season. Different surfaces require different care, but all cleaning requires using correct methods and proper cleaning products.

When cleaning laminated plastics, glass, metal and vinyl, you should use a detergent or soap and water. When cleaning this type of home furnishings, be sure that you wash a section or portion of the furniture at a time. Work quickly using a clean damp sponge or cloth to rinse off suds right away. Use the sudsy sponge or cloth to wash the inside and under part of the furniture, inside and outside of drawers and the inside shelves where drawers rest. Rinse with a clean sponge or cloth and clean water. When the entire piece of furniture is clean, wipe again with clean water and dry. Wax helps protect surfaces. Be sure to use the appropriate type of wax.

When cleaning wood furniture, a furniture polish, wax or cream can be used to clean and polish. The kind depends on the finish. Generally a liquid polish or cream wax can be used on high gloss furniture and painted or enameled wood. Pieces with have a low or medium luster can be cleaned with a cream or paste wax. Paste wax is also suggested for antiques and worn finishes. Be sure not to use a paste wax on a newly refinished piece of furniture. A painted antiqued finish can be treated with a cream wax. Use clean cloths for waxing and for polishing.

When cleaning upholstered furniture, there are a variety of fabrics that you have to work with. Be sure you know whether your fabric is cotton, wool, linen, synthetic blends, furlike, leather, vinyl, satin, silk, suede or velvet. Can you believe that there are so many fabrics on the market in home furnishings. Care will vary so be sure to check the manufacturer's cleaning instructions. Sometimes professional cleaning may also be recommended.

For general care of upholstered furniture, brush or vacuum furniture with a whisk broom or upholstery nozzle attachment of a vacuum. Clean cushions on both sides, arm rests and back crevices. A crevice tool on a vacuum helps to reach the corners and along seams. Vacuum upholstery often to keep the colors fresh and bright. Remember, we have dust on our wooden furniture. The same dust settles on our upholstered furniture, so vacuuming is most important.

There are different types of upholstery shampoos and products to use for cleaning different kinds of fabrics. Check information on labels and use the correct products for the kind of fabric to be cleaned. Also read the suggested method on the package before using.

There is also available locally equipment that you can rent by the day for cleaning upholstery and carpets. This can be quite a money-saver during days of inflation. Be sure if you use this type that you read instructions carefully and follow them to the letter.

When using any type of cleaner, be sure that you test an area on the upholstery that doesn't show. Allow this to dry thoroughly. If it looks the same, only cleaner, go ahead and clean the entire piece. Always kep your fabric as dry as possible when cleaning. To prevent damage, use as little moisture as you can so that padding and other materials do not get wet. Allow upholstery to dry thoroughly. For quicker drying, open windows if possible. Turn on a dehumidifier if you have one, or use an electric fan to circulate the air in the room.

Homemakers, now is the time to spruce up for the holidays. Soon you will be getting ready to decorate, and this job will be all done.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call at 352-8244 or write us at the Appomattox County Extension Office at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. Have a good week!

Inflation Fighter For The Week
Homemade Sweetened Condensed Milk

1 cup instant nonfat dried milk
⅔ cup sugar
½ cup boiling water
3 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Combine all ingredients in the container of an electric blender. Process until smooth. Store in refrigerator until ready to use. Yield: 1¼ cups or the same amount as one purchased can.

This condensed sweetened milk can be used in pies, candies, frostings and ice creams. **Hint**—if you will dissolve your sugar in the boiling water, this will cut down on the graininess of the prepared milk.

Recipe of the Week
Zolene's Shrimp Dip

¼ lb. or one small can shrimp
3 oz. cream cheese
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup chili sauce
1 tablespoon catsup
½ tsp. worchestershire sauce
¼ small onion, grated
Add salt, pepper and tobasco to taste.

Thanks to Zolene Hardin for sharing this recipe with us.

Commonwealth's Attorney, Sam Kerr, spoke to the Oakville Ruritan Club on November 1, 1979. The topic of the talk was "Wills." Mr. Kerr covered the importance of wills and other legal matters involved in setting an estate.

It Was A Long Time Ago, Do You Remember?

When Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gunter of Route 2, Concord were going through some old papers belonging to his mother, Mrs. Nellie Scruggs of Spout Spring, they found what seems to be a summons of some kind. The writing, though beautiful, was more than a little hard to read. It seemed to go something like this:

"To the sheriff of the County of Appomattox, Greetings: We command you, that you summon John W. Wood, sheriff and as such administrator of the estate of James H. Routon...."

The document ended with the following:..."To appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Buckingham at the rules to be held for the said Court on the third Monday in March 1894 to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said court by Eliza F. Routon who sues for the benefit of herself and all other creditors of James H. Routon, sic., who will contribute their proportionate shere of costs."

It was witnessed by P. A. Forbes, Clerk of said court at the Court House, the 21st day of Feb. 1894, and in the 118 year of the Commonwealth.

Do any of the **Times-Virginian** readers, having lived way back then, know anything about these people? Mr. and Mrs. Gunter are just curious. It was a long time ago, wasn't it?

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Remove Mildew

Ventilation the Key to Preventing Mildew

By
Lonnetta M. Chilton
Extension Agent

Damp weather increases the chances of the growth of mildew. The molds which cause mildew are always present in the air, but moisture is necessary for it to grow. They flourish especially in areas like cellars, crawl spaces, clothes closets and on such materials as cotton, linen, rayon, silk, wool, leather, wood and paper. The growth of mildew can ruin clothing, upholstery, leather goods and even wood. Mildew will also leave a musty odor.

Let the sunshine in and prevent mildew. Ventilation is the key to removing excess moisture. It absorbs excess moisture when the air outside is drier than the air inside. If the area is very damp, turn on the heat for a short time, then open doors and windows to let moist air out. Burning an electric light in a closet will help to dry this area.

Basements, closets, dresser drawers, any place where mildew is likely to grow, should be kept as clean as possible. An ounce of soap or detergent can be a pound of cure, keeping away the oil which supplies the food on which mildew starts growing.

What if mildew has already appeared in your home? Remove the spots as soon as you discover them. If there is mildew on household fabrics or clothing, immediately brush off the mold outside so mildew spores do not scatter in your home. For washables, launder with soap or detergent and chlorine bleach if safe for fabric. Otherwise, soak the item in an oxygen bleach, then wash. Take non-washables to the dry cleaner and be sure to identify the stain for the dry cleaners' information.

Treat mattresses and upholstered articles differently because eventually mildew can penetrate deeply in the item. Start by taking the mildewed item outside and remove loose mold from outer coverings by brushing with a broom.

Run a vaccum cleaner, using correct attachment, over the surface of the article to draw out more of the mold. Remember, mold spores are going into the vacuum cleaner, so dispose of bag or sweepings outside to avoid scattering mold spores.

An electric heater or fan can be used if the item is still damp. If mildew remains, sponge lightly with a solution of detergent and warm water. If pre-testing indicates that the fabric is colorfast, use a dilute solution of water and household bleach (one teaspoon to a quart of cool water) applying with a swab directly on mildew stain. Avoid getting too much water on the fabric.

This process may not completely remove mildew from rugs and carpets. However, the stain can be lightened by careful shampooing. Sponge mildewed area with thick detergent suds or a rug shampoo. Remove the suds by wiping with a cloth dampened in clear water. Let area dry.

Remember, prompt action can prevent serious mildew damage. In most cases sunshine, fresh air, and soap or detergent will send the mold on its way.

Vepco To Reanalyze Selected North Anna Piping

Virginia Electric and Power Company has been advised that the analysis of certain piping systems at North Anna Power Station by Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, the station Architect/Engineer, will have to be recalculated.

S. C. Brown, Jr., Senior Vice President for Power Station Engineering and Construction, said the need for the reanalysis was determined in the course of work currently being performed on North Anna 1 and 2 in accordance with a recent Nuclear Regulatory Commission bulletin to all nuclear utilities.

North Anna 1 is currently out of service for refueling and maintenance. North Anna 2 is awaiting an operating license which has been delayed by the NRC's continuing moratorium on granting such licenses for new units.

Brown said, "We believe we will be able to complete this reanalysis and any necessary modifications and return North Anna 1 to service on schedule before the end of the year."

The NRC has been notified of the finding.

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A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Heap high the farmer's wintry hoard,
Heap high the golden corn,
No richer gift has Autumn poured
From out her lavish horn...
And now with Autumn's moonlit eves
Its harvest time has come,
We pluck away the frosted leaves
And bear our treasure home.
O, let the good old crop adorn
The hills our fathers trod,
Still let us, for our golden corn,
Send up our thanks to God.
—John Greenleaf Whitter:
The Corn Song

Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

The kettle simmers low at 205 Martha St. There have been no demonstrations for or against what's his name in Iran. Hunting season is open but we are gun shy. We have taken no stand as to Billy Martin or Billy Carter. Jean Stapleton would get a nod of approval. We'll go along with the Redskins. Dark tobacco markets are about to open, but we have none to sell. I jumped the gun on "no smoking day" and lighted up only once the day before. My pipe, that is. We check the level in our fuel oil tank at 7 every morning, have a pint of ice cream for lunch and watch football on TV. Ah yes, the kettle simmers low.

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In general I go along with "the Establishment." But on occasion I may be a bold individualist. Such as Saturday when it appeared the time had arrived to plant the last of my flower bulbs, I did not dig all the holes six inches deep. Big deal. Now have until Spring to see if April showers will bring May flowers.

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I hear that wild turkeys are more plentiful this year. No report on quail, but when I think of hunting, I recall my friend, the late Dr. Havilah Babcock. So do others, for a columnist in the Richmond morning paper a few days ago wrote about Babcock's book, "My Health Is Better in November." The noted Appomattox native and professor at University of South Carolina loved November because it was the time for hunting. Havilah would have loved the story a local lady told me about her husband, who got up early to go hunting and returned home an hour later to get his gun.

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I have a major reason to look with favor on November. November 24 is my wedding anniversary. Comes on Saturday this year, but in 1932 it was Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. For me, the day is well named.

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Back in 1965, my Alma Mater, University of Richmond, set a sort of school record. Lost all ten of its football games. This year they played eleven games and lost eleven. Shall we go for thirteen? I do not know a remedy, but maybe I should attend Homecoming next year, since I was head cheerleader in 1936.

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Hard to realize, but in a few weeks the 1970's will be history. When we begin writing "1980" it will be more than a New Year. It will be a new Decade. What it will bring, we can only guess and hope. Will it be dominated by the frantic search for sources of energy? Will Uncle Sam have to supply food for more teeming millions? Will there be war? As everything becomes more complicated, tensions mount. Our faith and dedication must be strong. But as the 1970's wind down, I believe the Decade was a good one. We stepped forward more often than we slipped back. And the 1970's were good years for Appomattox. Our Town and County and Area prospered. New jobs were made available. So many fine new homes were constructed. Many fine newcomers came to join us. Heavens to Betsy, Appomattox is A Growing Town and don't you forget it. In the 1960's we may or may not maintain the pace of the 1970's but we will solidify our gains and keep our foundations strong. It is a privilege to "make the team" and participate. May this be a very special Thanksgiving for YOU. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Vepco Local Doctor Recertified In Family Practice

DR. A. A. FRATRICK

Dr. Albert Andrew Fratrick, Appomattox, Virginia has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a recertification examination offered by the ABFP. He thus maintains his specialist status in the medical specialty of family practice.

ABFP diplomates must continue to show proof of competence in the field of comprehensive, continuing care of the family being recertified every six years. No other medical specialty requires diplomates to prove competence on a continuing basis.

The written examination is designed to prove the candidate's continuing competence in the various components of family practice-internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and community medicine.

To qualify initially for certification a physician must have successfully completed three years of residency training in family practice and passed an intensive 2-day certification examination. There are some 375 residency training programs in teaching hospitals and university medical centers across the United States.

There now are more than 22,000 diplomates of the specialty, each of whom must be recertified within seven years of initial certification. Most are members of the Academy of Family Physicians, the national association of family doctors. The Academy was the first national M.D. group to require members to take continuing medical study, and was chiefly responsible for securing specialty status for family practice. This year is the tenth anniversary of the specialty.

Thanksgiving Service In Pamplin

A special Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 21, at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin. The churches of the Pamplin and surrounding communities are invited to share in giving thanks together. The service will begin at 7:30 P.M. Following the service a fellowship time is planned for worshippers.

Cable TV Hook-Up Ready For Some Areas

ARCO Manufacturing, Inc. has announced that cable television hook-up is now available for some areas in Appomattox.

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Daniel, Warner Name Panels For Southside Congressional Conf.

Workshop panels have been named for the public Southside Congressional Conference to be co-hosted Saturday, Dec. 1, at Longwood College in Farmville by Virginia's 5th District Congressman Dan Daniel and Sen. John W. Warner.

The four panels, which will conduct simultaneous workshops at 10:15 a.m. as part of the unique conference's morning program, include state and federal officials who will discuss local government, agriculture, energy, and business and industrial development.

Conference registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program to open at 9:30 a.m. with statements by Daniel and Warner.

Pre-registration is necessary, along with advance payment of $4.25 a person, to take part in the conference's noon luncheon.

Workshop panels named by Daniel and Warner are:

AGRICULTURE - S. Mason Carbaugh, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture; Robert Spivey, United States Department of Agriculture supervisor of Jefferson National Forest, and Michael A. Bellanca, deputy executive secretary of the Virginia Water Control Board. The moderator will be Dr. William Harbour, assistant professor of government at Longwood College.

ENERGY - Dr. Temple Bayliss, director of the Energy Division of the Virginia Office of Emergency and Energy Services, and Harold C. King, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. The moderator will be Dr. Charles W. Sydnor, associate professor of history at Longwood College.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Mrs. I. Margaret White, area manager for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Andrew G. Epps, III, deputy area manager for HUD, and Roy Perez-Daple, interpovernmental specialist for the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The moderator will be L. Marshall Hall, chairman of the department of history and government at Longwood College.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - Lawrence P. Johnson, Jr., director of community development for the Virginia Division of Industrial development; Raymond P. Kutteiskoler, district director for the Small Business Administration; Philip Ouzts, state director for the United States Department of Commerce, and Freddie L. Jones, executive director of the Virginia Minority Business Opportunity Committee. The moderator will be named later.

At 1:45 p.m., Daniel and Warner will join Charles B. Walker, Virginia Secretary of Administration and Finance, and Dr. Herbert Stein, professor of economics at the University of Virginia and former chairman of the President's Council of Econo-

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Thomasville Furniture's Tom A. Finch Receives Highest Industry Award

Tom A. Finch, chairman of the board of directors of Thomasville Furniture Industries, has been presented with the southern furniture industry's highest award.

Finch has received the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association's James T. Ryan Award for his contributions to the industry. The award honors James T. Ryan, a co-founder of SFMA executive vice president, and was presented at the association's recent annual meeting at Walt Disney World is Florida.

In addition to serving as Thomasville Furniture's chairman, Finch is a director and corporate group vice president of Armstrong Cork Co. of Lancaster, Pa.

Finch served as SFMA president in 1963. He is also a past president of the Furniture Factories Marketing Association of the South and was selected as Furniture Man of the Year in 1963 by the American Furniture Mart.

A native of Thomasville, Finch graduated from Woodberry Forest School in Virginia and received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in New Jersey, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He served three years in the Navy prior to joining Thomasville Furniture in 1946.

He was elected president of the company in 1961 and became its chairman in January 1979.

Finch is also a director of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Winston-Salem, of Integon Corp., Winston-Salem, and of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, Washington, D. C. He is also a trustee of Duke University, Durham.

Your Home May Be Hazard to Health

Safe at Home? Not really. In the "safety" of the American home there are more than 4,000,000 disabling injuries and 27,000 accidental deaths every year. They're called "accidents," but many of them could have been prevented.

Appoint yourself a committee of one to do something about accident hazards in your home, the American Medical Association advises. Heading the list of home accidents are four causes — falls, fire, poisoning and suffocation.

Falls produce almost half of the home accidents, mostly in older people. To curb falls, start a family pickup campaign — toys, shoes, newspapers and general litter around the house. Use solid ladders or step stools, not chairs, for climbing. Light up dark and shadowy areas. Clear and salt icy walks and steps in winter. Have stair railings, even for short stairways. Keep stairs clear of all litter. Slip-proof your rugs.

To prevent fires, provide ample ashtrays. Don't smoke in bed, watch candles carefully and make certain fireplace screens fit snugly.

Treat the kitchen stove with caution. Blousy sleeves and frilly aprons invite disaster.

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Applications Being Taken For Fuel Assistance

Applications for the Emergency Fuel Assistance Program are being taken at the office of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services which is open five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For local information you may call 352-7125.

In order to expedite the processing of an application, the applicant should bring the following information for all members of the household:

1. Proof of income for the past 90 days from employment or benefits from any source.

2. Proof of cash on hand, money in the bank in the form of checking accounts, savings accounts or savings certificates and savings bonds.

3. Unpaid fuel bills or proof of need for fuel.

Citizens Organize To Assist Needy In County

Did you know that perhaps as many as six hundred homes in Appomattox County may be without adequate heat this winter? The choice in many instances may be whether to purchase food or fuel.

An Appomattox County citizens committee has been formed for the purpose of assisting those who truly are in need in our county and your help is needed.

First, you are asked to take the time to look around in your own community and do what you can to help meet the fuel needs of your neighbors.

Permission has been received from Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones to use the old sawmill site on Lee-Grant Avenue within the Town of Appomattox as a storage and distribution yard for firewood.

If you have some time to devote and/or a truck or wood which could be used, please let it be known by calling Mrs. Carwile or Mrs. Babcock at 352-7125.

Monetary donations should be made payable to "The Appomattox Cold Homes Program" and mailed to Mrs. Carwile at P. O. box 517, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

The committee is not interested in helping those who refuse, for no good reason, to help themselves, however, they are convinced that a real need exists in our county.

The committee is also convinced that the best way to meet this need is to eliminate the forms and paperwork and solve this problem on a person to person basis.

Your involvement will be appreciated.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact W. R. Britton, Jr., 352-8268, Emergency and Energy Coordinator for Appomattox County.

Appomattox County Rescue Squad Responds To 63 Calls In October

The Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 63 calls in the month of October.

In response to these calls, they traveled a total of 2,448 miles and spent 420½ manhours. An additional six manhours were spent giving First Aid demonstrations.

The squad members used the EKG machine to monitor four persons en route to the hospital. There were five persons who required oxygen while being transported to the hospital and thirteen persons were injured in eight automobile accidents.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: heart attacks, 1; strokes, 2; chest pains, 3; breathing difficulty, 5; broken bones, 1; search, 1; standy-by, 15; falls, 9; convulsions, 2; abdominal pains, 2; dog bite, 1; diabetic, 1; dead on arrival, 1; maternity, 1; transport, 11; and illness, 7.

In addition to responding to the 63 emergency calls, volunteer members spent in excess of 125 hours on their annual Fund Drive which, by the way, was very successful.

WOW GROVE 6073 AND CAMP 71 TO MEET NOV. 26

Grove 6073 and Camp 71 of the Woodmen of the World will meet Monday night, November 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at the WOW Hall for Awards Night.

All members of the Grove and the Camp are encouraged to attend.

Charlie is haunted by scenes from his past. Family members include Sharon Martin, Maureen O'Donnell, Dawn Pitzenberger, Ben Martin and Tammy Williams.

Charlie (Luis Garcia) talks with his teacher (Elizabeth Coffey).

A.C.H.S. Produces "Flowers For Algernon"

"Flowers For Algernon" by David Rogers will be presented November 30 and December 1 at 8 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium.

Critics describe the play in this way:

"The compelling story of Charlie Gordon, willing victim of a strange experiment - - - a moron, a genius, a man in search of himself.

"Poignant, funny, tragic, but with a hope for the indomitable spirit of man, this unusual play tells a story you will long remember. It also offers a magnificent role.

"In the distinguished motion picture version, CHARLY, Cliff Robertson won the Academy Award for his portrayal of the principal role."

In the A.C.H.S. production, Luis Garcia will play the extremely challenging role of Charlie Gordon, the mental retardant. His serious-minded teacher will be played by Elizabeth Coffey, as both characters struggle to cope with the complete brilliance of Charlie.

This is one of the most ambitious undertakings of the Small Town Players of A.C.H.S. "Flowers For Algernon" is a serious play that everyone should see.

The tickets are $1.00 for students and $1.50 for adults if bought in advance. They will be $1.50 and $2.00 at the door.

"Stitch and Chatter" Ladies Plan Presbyterian Bazaar

The "Stitch and Chatter" ladies of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church are making final plans for their annual Christmas Bazaar.

The Christmas Bazaar is planned for Friday, November 30, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The ladies will be offering for sale handmade gift items of many kinds, Christmas decorations, and a large variety of their homemade baked goods including many kinds of breads, pies, cakes, candy, canned goods, brunswick stew and many other "goodies" made by the "Stitch and Chatter" ladies. In addition, a White Elephant Sale is also planned as a part of their Bazaar.

The "Stitch and Chatter" group is composed of women of the church who share like interests. They meet once a week and the first thing on the agenda is an hour of concentrated Bible study. Then they share a covered dish luncheon and then comes the fellowship time when the ladies begin their 'stitching and chatting'.